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State Planning Project for the Uninsured
Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 24, 2006
Michigan Manufacturers Association
620 S. Capitol Avenue
Lansing, MI 48933

Members Present: Vernice Davis Anthony, Greater Detroit Area Health Council; Elaine Beane, Michigan Public Health Institute (ex-officio member); Debra Brinson, School-Community Health Alliance; Jan Christensen, MDCH; Paul Duguay, Michigan Association of Health Plans; Rob Fowler, Small Business Association of Michigan; Larry Horwitz, Economic Alliance; Mary Ellen Howard, Free Clinics of Michigan; Jan Hudson, Michigan League for Human Services; Spencer Johnson, Michigan Health & Hospital Association; Kevin Kelly, Michigan State Medical Society; Marjorie Mitchell, MI Universal Health Care Action Network; Joan Moiles, Department of Labor and Economic Growth; Janet Olszewski, MDCH; Kevin Seitz, BCBSM; Amy Shaw, Michigan Manufacturer's Association; Kim Sibilsky, Michigan Primary Care Association; Lody Zwarenstyn, Alliance for Health

Alternates Present: Mark Bertler, Michigan Association for Local Public Health for Kim Singh, Sarah Fink, Michigan Health & Hospital Association; Sandy Hudson, Detroit-Wayne County Health Authority for Chris Allen; Dennis Paradis, Michigan Osteopathic Association for Susan Sevensma, D.O.; Hollis Turnham, AARP for Steve Gools; Ed Wolking, Jr., Detroit Regional Chamber for Sebastian Wade.

Members Absent: William Black, Michigan Teamsters Joint Council #43; Denise Holmes, Michigan State University; Beverley McDonald, Michigan Consumer Health Care Coalition; Tim McGuire, Michigan Association of Counties; Stephen Skorcz, Greater Flint Health Coalition; Colette Scrimger, Access to Care Community Coalition; Wendell Stone, SEIU Local #79.

Others Present: Angela Bullock; Greg Cline, Trinity Health; Art Fink; Tina Grant, MDCH; Del Malloch, Jackson Health Plan Corp-3-Share; Denise Morrow; Richard Nowakowski, Wayne County Four Star; Valerie Przywara, Henry Ford Health System; Steve Fitton, Medicaid Administration; Dick Miles, Medicaid Administration; Victor Sztengel, Wexford Mercy PHO; Cadillac; Liz Wiley, Cabrini Clinic; Lynda Zeller, Kent Health Plan.

MDCH Staff: Lonnie Barnett, Ken Miller, Umbrin Ateequi, Ellen Speckman-Randall, Bill Hart

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Co-chairs Jan Christensen and Kevin Seitz called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees. Introductions were made around the room.
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved by consensus.
- III. **Approval of Minutes from 4/19/06 meeting:** The minutes were approved by consensus.
- IV. **Michigan First Healthcare Plan** – Steve Fitton provided an update about Michigan First Healthcare Plan. Discussion followed the presentation. Steve asked if there are organizations or constituencies that are not represented on the Advisory Council that he should contact for their input on the Michigan First Healthcare Plan.

V. Advisory Council final recommendations (Green Light document)

- The Preamble was approved with the addition of “Advisory Council members” to the list of entities that would pledge to work collaboratively to implement the recommendations.
- #1 – Approved with the addition of “policymakers and” after “residents” on the third line after “inform”.
- #2, 3 – Approved as drafted.
- #4 – Approved with the inclusion of recognition that Medicaid continues to experience growth.
- #5 – Approved with changing “compose” to “comprise” and adding “public and private” before “health centers” in the first sentence.
- #6 – Approved as drafted.
- #7 – Approved with the addition of the last sentence in # 6 also being included at the end of this section.
- #8 and 9 – Approved as drafted.
- #10 – Approved with the inclusion of other funding mechanisms at the end of that section and the deletion of “either party” and adding “the political parties” in the third sentence of the last paragraph.
- #11 – Add another bullet that reads, “The successor council shall arrange for a health care financing study to determine how health care dollars are spent in Michigan, and provide recommendations for change as appropriate” and add “measurable” before “improvement in cost, quality, and access” in the last bullet.
- In the first paragraph of the concluding comments change “insurance programs” to “health insurance carriers”.

VI. Project Report (Problem Identification, Summary of Project Data, Appendices) – There was discussion that these portions of the final report will be a DCH product, while the recommendations are the product of the Advisory Council. Members would also like to see a statement included that the recommendations were made pursuant to lengthy discussions and that all the attached documents, as well as many others, were considered in their deliberations. The project report should also include a list of the types of information the Advisory Council considered such as testimony, data, surveys, informational documents, etc.

VII. On-going Entity (Successor Council Concept Paper) - Council members would like for the concept paper concerning the successor council to be sufficiently concrete to allow for implementation of the recommendations. A long-term entity to look at health policy over time is needed. The successor council would have stakeholders with a long-term view and presence in the State and would be a thought-leadership entity to inform policymakers. It would not be a lobbying group if chartered as a C(3).

The successor council could also host forums and provide an arena for discussion of health care issues in a non-political environment. Being broadly-based would be critical to successful achievement of these goals, as would development of an appropriate mission and structure. The successor council should focus on the uninsured since if it gets too broad a scope of concern, it won't accomplish anything. Timelines are essential so members of the successor council work with a sense of urgency.

The co-chairs appointed a workgroup including: Rob Fowler (convener), Ed Wolking, Margie Mitchell, Larry Horwitz, Elaine Beane and Sarah Fink to look at structure and financing mechanisms for the successor council.

VIII. Member and Project Updates/Discussion

Kevin Kelly discussed the MSMS paper entitled “The Future of Medicine” in which they supported universal coverage for basic health care.

IX. Public Comment: None

X. Other Business/Meeting Evaluation

XI. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:00